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REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF SEABROOK,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 20, 1864.

Town Paupers.

James Locke, for goods delivered Sally Knowles to March 20, 1864,	\$26 00
Newell Brown, for wood delivered do. do	18 00
" " Miriam Cilley,	9 50
" " cash paid to do.	26 00
D. Fogg and T. Rowe, supporting Betsey Page one year ending March 20, 1864,	53 50
" " clothing for do.	6 32
J. G. Chase, support of Hannah Smith from Nov. 9, 1863 to March 14, '64,	22 50
George W. Pike, support of Luther C. Eaton, from Feb. 1 to May 12, '63,	7 00
Isaiah Dow, support of Elizabeth Eaton one year ending March 20, 1864,	28 00
Sarah Dow, support of Isaiah Dow jr. one year " "	52 00
Elizabeth Eaton, support of Mary A. Eaton one year " "	26 00
Bryant Eaton, to goods delivered wife of Israel Eaton,	34 84
Moses Eaton, wood to do.	9 39
Joseph Marshall, support of Margaret Bean one year to March 20, 1864,	39 00
Sally Fowler, house rent for Rhoda Fowler to March 20, 1864,	10 00
Elihu Dow, goods to do.	8 00
Moses Eaton, wood to do.	6 50
Samuel Walton, house rent for Caroline Beckman,	5 50
Moses Eaton, wood to do.	8 37
Charles Dow, house rent for Phebe Eaton one year to March 20, 1864,	10 00
Ezekiel Collins, house rent Mary A. Fowler " "	12 00
Moses Eaton, wood for Betsey Fowler,	10 75
" " Mehitable Eaton,	5 62
" " Nancy Eaton,	8 05
Bryant Eaton, shoes to James W. Eaton,	1 35
Cyrus Dearborn, medical attendance on wife of Israel Eaton,	5 00
" " Miss Samuel Fowler,	2 60
Samuel Cochran, support of D. Brown one year ending March 20, 1864,	78 00
Jonathan Dearborn, to medical attendance on Sally Knowles,	6 75
Samuel Rowe, support of Samuel Brown one year ending March 20, 1864,	88 00
Belcher Brown, for shaving " " "	1 50
Rufus Cook, for clothing,	4 06
	\$625 10

County Paupers.

N. H. Asylum, H. G. Bagley to Feb. 3, 1864,	\$122 00
Eunice Wright, support of widow J. Souther,	58 75
Elihu Dow, goods delivered do.	3 75
Moses Eaton, for wood,	2 25
Dr. Cyrus Dearborn, medical attendance,	3 25
	\$190 00

Roads and Bridges.

William H. Noyes, 1680 feet plank,	23 52
Moses Eaton, timber for District No. 9,	2 66
Samuel S. Walton, timber for Dist. 8,	2 24
Moses Boyd, labor and timber	1 45
Robert Collins, labor,	1 00
Jonathan Walton jr.,	83
Charles L. Brown,	83
Joshua Janvrin, timber for Districts Nos. 4 and 5,	1 72
Albert M Dow, labor in " No. 9,	1 75
Edward L Gove, repairing bridge. District No. 1,	1 58
George N Cary, for gravel in 1862, " No. 6,	5 15
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	\$42 71

Breaking Roads.

Edward L Gove, District No. 1,	3 18
Emery Janvrin, " No. 4,	2 24
William Beckman, " No. 6,	2 75
Joshua Eaton, " No. 9,	2 50
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	\$10 67

Contingent Expenses.

State tax,	769 50
County tax,	502 00
Abbot Locke, serving as Town Clerk,	12 00
Joshua Janvrin, making taxes,	12 00
Edwin Eaton, Superintending School Committee,	15 00
Joseph H Weare, expenses to Newburyport and Portsmouth, furnishing drafted men,	15 25
To Bank interest on note and stamps,	16 65
Jeremiah Smith, time and expenses to Portsmouth on account of substitutes,	3 00
Jonathan Walton jr. " " " " " "	3 00
Balance due Jonathan Walton jr. for 1863,	37 11
F. Grant, for Surveyors' and Collectors' books,	2 55
Amos Tuck, in full on S P Brown's case,	98 00
Wm T Osgood, on his note,	40 00
Francis Beckman, " "	90 00
Walton M. Butler, his note in full,	265 50
Aaron E. Boyd, on his note,	50 00
Charles R. Gove, on his note,	25 00
Nathaniel Chase, " "	50 00
Joseph Dow, warming Town Hall, &c.	1 50
Reuben Wiley, for School District No. 1,	70 00
Arthur Rowe, " " No. 2,	200 00
Alfred N. Dow, " " No. 3,	200 00
Charles A. Smith, " " No. 4,	200 00
Charles S. Dow, " " No. 5,	200 00
W. W. Stickney, advice in regard to meeting,	1 00
David Chase, jr., doing business in Boston on account of Railroad tax,	1 50
Stacy L. Nudd, note and interest,	2021 00
Charles Lunt, interest on his note,	120 00
James Sanborn, " "	79 06
David Chase jr., " "	72 45
Stacy L Nudd, " "	79 00
Interest on borrowed money to pay State aid and other bills,	15 67
For Stationery,	3 00
Auditing accounts,	1 00
Robert Collins, for collecting taxes,	75 00
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	\$5346 14

Selectmen's Expenses.

Joshua Janvrin, appraising and assessing five days,	6 25
Record of births and deaths, and return of militia,	3 50
To Concord to settle with Asylum and State aid bill,	9 50
Making State aid bill,	2 00
To Portsmouth and Exeter, on account of town meeting,	3 50
To Portsmouth to settle county claim,	2 00
Time and expense to Portsmouth & Newburyport, to hire money,	4 50
To Salisbury Mills and Newburyport,	6 00
To Portsmouth 1 day with 4 volunteers' expenses,	7 50
" with Moses Knowles, 1 day,	2 50
To Exeter to settle with A Tuck, and procure books for town,	2 00
Doing business for the town,	40 00
Joseph Chase, appraising and assessing 4 days,	5 00
Time and expense to Newburyport and Hampton to hire money,	3 00
Serving as Treasurer,	10 00
Doing town business,	30 00
Thomas A Dow, appraising and assessing 2 days,	2 50
Doing town business,	20 00
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	\$159 75

Abatement of Taxes by the Selectmen.

Joseph L French, over taxed,	3 25
Heirs of Daniel Earon, over taxed,	2 61
Robert C Eaton, poll tax, a soldier,	3 12
Heirs of Andrew J Merrill, for 1862 and 1863,	67
Isaiah Dow, poll tax for 1862,	2 21
Robert Worthley, illegally assessed,	4 12
By the town, Benjamin Dow's tax for 1852,	3 10
Cyrus D Fowler, for 1857,	2 45
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	\$21 53

Non-Resident Highway Tax Worked Out.

District No. 1,	6 94
" No. 5,	3 07
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	\$10 01

Aid for the Families of Soldiers.

To wife and 2 children of Jacob E. Brown, fr. July 3, '63, to Mar. 14, '64,	94 00
" 3 " Abel Eaton,	102 00
" 3 " J. E. Randall,	144 00
" 2 " John S. Janvrin,	144 00
" 6 " Sewall Fowler,	144 00
" 3 " William Row,	144 00
" 4 " Albert Gove,	144 00
" 3 " Moses Knowles,	144 00
" 3 " Wm. B. Knowles,	144 00
" 2 " Francis Beckman,	144 00
" 2 " Geo. H Perkins,	144 00
" 3 " Webster Brown,	144 00
" 2 " James Wright,	144 00
" 2 " Alfred Dow,	136 00
" 1 child Charles Hastings,	90 00
" 1 " Robert C. Eaton,	96 00
" 1 " John W. Perkins,	96 00
" " Sumner Beal,	48 00
3 children Eljah Knox,	33 00
Charles P. Eaton,	48 00
	to June 5, '63,
	to Mar. 14, '64,

Commencing July 14,	Elizabeth Blaisdell,	to March 14, 1864.	22 00
Sept. 1.	To wife of John Green,	"	26 00
Nov. 14.	" Charles L. Brown,	"	16 00
Jan. 14.	3 children Nicholas Gynan,	"	24 00
"	1 child Samuel Eaton, 3d,	"	16 00
"	George Brown,	"	8 00
"	Abner L. Eaton,	"	16 00
"	Robert Souther,	"	8 00
"	William T. Osgood,	"	8 00
"	1 " William H. Sanborn,	"	8 00
"	2 children Robert Eaton,	"	19 00
From May 1, 1863, to March 14, 1864.			
No. 1.	William Eaton,		84 00
	John Janvrin,		84 00
	Ezekiel Collins,		84 00
	Mary A. Janvrin,		42 00
	Henry M. Hardy,		76 00
From Jan. 1, 1864.			
	Dearborn Eaton,		20 00
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			\$2898 00

Aid to Discharged Soldiers.

No. 1.	Elijah Knox,	48 00
	John M. Dow,	40 00
	Francis Row,	44 00
	Nicholas Gynan,	40 00
	James H. Littlefield,	48 00
	James P. Fowler,	48 00
	Samuel Eaton,	48 00
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		\$316 00

Bounty paid to Drafted Men who furnished Substitutes.

Samuel S. Walton,	300 00
Reuben Eaton, 3d,	300 00
George A. Weare,	300 00
William H. Walton,	300 00
Lowell Boyd,	300 00
John P. Boyd,	600 00
Jeremiah F. Locke,	300 00
Thomas Chase, jr.,	300 00
Joseph L. French,	300 00
Philip C. Beckman,	300 00
Abner L. Eaton,	300 00
Charles Knowles,	300 00
Lewis G. Knowles,	300 06
William Walton, jr.,	300 00
William T. Eaton,	300 00
Charles Randall,	300 00
Benjamin Walton,	300 00
Reuben Walton,	300 00
Charles L. Brown,	300 00
Almon Eaton,	300 00
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	6000 00

Paid Committee chosen by the town to furnish men to answer the President's call of Oct. 17, 1863:

Sixteen men furnished, \$3220 00

Credit by Cash Received.

Income of Common Island,	34 00
" Eaton Marsh,	2 43
" Literary Fund for 1863,	109 35
" Family Aid Bill,	1,748 00
" Dow Marsh,	15 00
" Railroad Tax,	225 48
" County Pauper Claim,	237 39
" For the use of Town Hall,	5 00
" Cash of Stacy L. Nudd,	500 00
Robert Collins, whole amount of taxes committed for collection,	4,762 01
By the State Treasurer as Bounty,	1,000 00

\$8,639 26

Hired of Nathan Wislon and Thomas J. Clark,	1 000 00
" Elizabeth L. Fullington,	1,000 00
" Hannah G. Fullington,	1,000 00
" Abner Bagley,	1,000 00
" John W. Dodge,	1,000 00
" David Chase,	500 00
" John Chase,	500 00
" Lowell B. Dow,	1,000 00

Salisbury and Amesbury Savings Institution,	4,000 00
John Philbrick,	300 00
Sally Fowler,	175 00
William H. Sanborn,	575 00
William T. Osgood,	575 00
Charles R. Gove,	575 00
George Brown,	400 00
Charles Brown,	550 00
Newell F. Dow,	550 00
John B. Tuttle,	400 00
Jeremiah F. Boyd,	600 00
Almon Eaton,	300 00

\$16,000 00

Cr.—By property owned by the town:

Common Island,	400 00	Jonathan Eaton land,	50 00
Dow Marsh,	200 00	Pound and lot,	15 00
Eaton Marsh,	50 00	Town Hall,	1,000 00
Gravel Land,	100 00		

\$1,815 00

Statement of the Finances.

Charles H Sanborn, on his notes,	1,862 02
Jonathan Dearborn, "	107 00
David Chase, jr., "	621 47
Seth Clark, "	2,000 00
David Batchelder, "	1,000 00
Charles Lunt, "	2,000 00
David Chase, "	1,500 00
James Sanborn, "	1,500 00
Thomas Lane, jr., "	800 00
Josiah Gove, "	315 00
Joshua Janvrin, "	300 00
Jonathan Waultn, jr., "	300 00
Charles W. Noyes, "	300 00
Sumner Beal, "	300 00
Nathaniel Chase, "	250 00
Joseph P. Jones, "	200 00
Aaron E. Boyd, "	200 00

John S. Janvrin, on his note,	200 00
Francis Beckman, "	30 00
Stephen W. Chase, "	100 00
Comfort Stanwood, "	100 00

Money Hired since March 20, 1863.

Of Nathan Winslow and Thomas J. Clark,	1,000 00
Elizabeth L. Fullington,	1,000 00
Hannah G. Fullington,	1,000 00
Abner Bagley,	1,000 00
John W. Dodge,	1,000 00
David Chase,	500 00
John Chase,	500 00
Lowell B. Dow,	1,000 00
Salisbury and Amesbury Savings Institution,	4,000 00
John Philbrick,	300 00
Sally Fowler,	175 00
William H. Sanborn,	575 00
William T. Osgood,	575 00
Charles R. Gove,	575 00
George Brown,	400 00
Charles Brown,	550 00
Newell F. Dow,	550 00
John B. Tuttle,	400 00
Jeremiah F. Boyce,	600 00
Almon Eaton,	300 00
Interest due,	1,200 00

Footings Brought Forward

Expenses of the Poor,	815 10
Roads and Bridges,	53 38
Contingent,	5,505 89
Abatement of Taxes,	21 53
Non-resident Highway Tax worked out,	10 01
Aid to Families of Soldiers,	3,214 00
Amount paid to Soldiers,	14,220 00
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	\$23,839 91

Amount of Receipts,	24,539 26
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	799 35

The subscribers have this day examined the Selectmen's accounts for the year ending March 20, 1864, and find them well vouched and correctly cast, and a balance in favor of the town of seven hundred ninety-nine dollars and thirty-five cents.

JONATHAN WALTON, JR. } Auditors.
DAVID F. BOYD, }

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By amount of property owned by the town,	1815 00
Due from the county,	80 25
Due from the State on State aid bill,	2870 00
Assignment from volunteers, due from the State,	3020 00
Due on note of A. Felch jr. and J Beckman,	10 75
" " Newell Dow,	16 62
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	\$7812 72
Balance against the town,	\$24356 52

JOSHUA JANVRIN, } Selectmen
JOSEPH CHASE, } of
T. R. DOW, } Seabrook.

REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF SEABROOK,

FOR THE YEAR 1863-4.

Your Committee, in compliance with the usages of the town and the requirements of the laws of the State, would submit the following report on the condition of the schools in the several districts of the town.

The Committee is happy to express his appreciation of all the valuable services rendered him by the co-operation of parents, and also of the praiseworthy efforts of the teachers in elevating the character of the several schools. These mutual efforts will have a good influence on the schools. The selection of teachers in the several districts has generally been good.

DISTRICT No. 1.

R. Wiley, Prudential Committee. Amanda M. Sherman, Teacher.

One term of 15 weeks. Number of pupils, 18; average attendance, 12; instances of tardiness, 167; dismissals, 18; not absent one day, 0. Wages of teacher, \$17.

The average attendance on this school was small, but through the influence of kindness expressed by the teacher, who has shown an aptness to teach and to govern, they have enjoyed a very pleasant term, and made commendable improvement.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Arthur Rowe, Committee. Sarah E. Gillespie, Teacher, Summer and Winter Terms. Summer term, 20 weeks. Whole number, 66; average, 46; tardy, 212; dismissals, 73; not absent one day, 2. Wages of teacher \$.

Winter term of — weeks. Whole number, 50; average, 36; tardy, 202; dismissals, 38; not absent one day, 4.

This school appeared very orderly during my visits both summer and winter terms. Good improvement was made, particu-

larly in reading and spelling; recitations fair. If rightly informed, this teacher has been loved by her pupils, and I should presume so from her pleasant appearance before them, though strict in her rules. She told me she had not brought them into such order as she would like, and that some had left because she was too strict. If her severity had exceeded her pleasantness in some instances, probably the progress in such cases has not been so great as it otherwise would have been. This district has had experience in employing female teachers in winter, and needs no suggestions from the Committee.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Alfred N. Dow, Committee. Summer term of 18 weeks. Martha A. Dow, teacher. Number of pupils, 73; average 51 2-10; tardy, 173; dismissals, 59; not absent one day, 4. Wages of teacher, \$18.

The good order maintained through this school last year by this teacher, was well sustained this year; but the improvement made was not so good as desirable, owing in part, no doubt, to the want of a supply of books and slates, which was the case in the winter school. This want of books is a blockade to the free and lively intercourse after knowledge.

Winter term of 12.2 weeks. Edwin Eaton, Teacher. Number of pupils, 64; average, 48.14; tardy, 164; dismissals, 42; not absent one day, 5. Wages of teacher, \$30.

This school has been very dutiful, and, considering circumstances, has improved with satisfaction to the teacher and Committee. Its future progress will claim a better support from the citizens of the district.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Charles Smith, Committee. Summer term of 17 weeks. Mary J. Folsom, Teacher.

Number of pupils, 92; average, 75; tardy, —; dismissals, —. Wages of teacher, \$20. Register imperfect and not signed.

Miss Folsom is a teacher of long experience, and a hard laborer. Her school appeared lively and happy, but too confused for close application to study,—caused, in a measure by an inconvenient room. Through her constant drill the classes, especially in grammar and geography, made good improvement.

Winter term of 11.6 weeks. John L. Cilley, Teacher. Number of pupils, 81; average, 59; tardy, 441; dismissals, 225; not absent one day, 5. Wages of teacher, \$35. Register not certified.

Mr. Cilley is a teacher of experience and success. His method of government and system of instruction was good, and the improvement made will be permanent. I think general satisfaction was given.

The true theory of instruction for a substantial education is,

that a teacher command a dutiful obedience — that he discipline the mind of the scholars for a close application to study, and demand the requisite labor to be performed by *them*, giving them all necessary assistance.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Charles Dow, Committee. Jarvis McDuffie, Teacher, Summer and Winter terms. Summer term of 10 weeks; number of pupils, 80; average, —; tardy, —; dismissals, —; not absent one day, 3. Register imperfect. Winter term of 11 weeks. Whole number, 78; average, 52; tardy, 0; dismissals, 0; not absent one day, 2. Wages of teacher, \$30.

Mr. McDuffie is a good teacher; but, having failed and probably disheartened in endeavoring to raise the character of his school to that standard which he promised himself he could, he has not advanced the school so much as he did last year. Some of the youth have improved well, but for want of proper support this school *will* languish, under whose charge soever it may be placed. He says in his remarks, that irregular attendance, want of interest on the part of parents, and want of capacity of most of the scholars, are some of the obstacles to rapid progress. One-fourth of the scholars, at least, are without whole books, and no effort on his part could prevail to procure them.

It is a high and important work to develop and properly train the minds of the young, to teach them to think *correctly*, and to make them intelligent and virtuous. Public schools are not designed to become religious institutions; but it is true the scriptures are read daily in them, and the laws of the State require that certain fundamental principles of morality and piety be impressed upon the minds of the youth. This is a wise theory, and needs the cooperation of parents to keep it in practice.

It is important that the young should be physically trained to insure a healthful mental development, and is it not equally as important they should be morally trained that they may possess that self-reliance and independence of character essential for good citizenship?

A good proportion of the scholars in town have attended to mental and written arithmetic, and to penmanship; and have made commendable progress considering the deficiency of books and stationery. The common school is *the* place to learn to write a good hand. Writing schools, as a gentleman once said, are scapegoats to bear away the sins of former years.

In conclusion I would say our schools are now in a favorable condition for more rapid improvement. Make ample provision for them, make judicious appointments, and see that they are liberally supported, and we may hope for a corresponding management.

EDWIN EATON,
Superintending School Committee.

Seabrook, March 1, 1864.

